

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large partisan
companies control
the airwaves, the
risk of abuse
increases
dramatically.

In this case, the
risk is that a
partisan entity can
control the
communications to a
vast marketshare,
effectively turning
their affiliates
into propaganda
machines for the
Republican party.

I assure you that it
would be no better
if Sinclair were
controlled by the
Democrats.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.